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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP RELEASE ON
CANCELLATION

1. TEXT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ANNOUNCEMENT POSTPONING
HIS TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA FOLLOWS. DEPARTMENT PLANS TO
RELEASE STATEMENT ON APRIL 21 AT 10 P.M. WASHINGTON TIME.

2. BEGIN TEXT: EVENTS IN INDOCHINA ARE UNFOLDING WITH
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SUCH UNEXPECTED SPEED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO
STAY IN WASHINGTON IN THE DAYS JUST AHEAD. IT IS WITH
GREAT RELUCTANCE, AND EVEN GREATER PERSONAL REGRET, THAT I
MUST THEREFORE POSTPONE MY TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA SCHEDULED
FOR LATER THIS WEEK.

3. I HAVE COMMUNICATED WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF
ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA TO INFORM THEM OF THIS
DECISION AND OF MY DETERMINATION TO VISIT SOUTH AMERICA AT

A LATER DATE.

4. THE FORGING OF STRENGTHENED TIES WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IN THIS HEMISPHERE IS A CARDINAL OBJECTIVE OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY. THE ASPIRATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE INDISSOLUBLY LINKED, AND ARE OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR

THE REST OF THE WORLD.

5. FOR THESE REASONS, I PARTICULARLY REGRET THE POST-PONEMENT OF MY SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH MY COLLEAGUES AT THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE IN WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH, WHERE WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS OUR COMMON GOALS. END TEXT.

6. ACTION POSTS SHOULD MAKE TEXT OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT AVAILABLE TO FOREIGN MINISTER WHEN LETTER FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER IS DELIVERED. KISSINGER

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